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SUBJECT: VISIT OF THAI FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: JAKARTA 8098; JAKARTA 7977

1. ON JANUARY 20 CHARGE WAS BRIEFED ON THAI FOREIGN INISITER'S VIEIT
TO JAKARTA BY THAI DCM. ACCORDING LATTER, BASIC REASON FOR VISIT WAS
THAT IT WAS FIRST OFFICIAL TRIP BY FONMIN TO INDONESIA SINCE HE ASSUM
ED

POST. IN COURSE OF MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO AND FONMIN MALIK
A NUMBER OF TOPICS WERE DISCUSSED WHICH WERE SUMMARIZED BY DCM AS
FALLOWS:

A. IN MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SAHARTO IT WAS AGREED THAT HE WOULD

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PAY A WORKING VISIT TO BANGKOK ON JULY 4 FOLLOWING HIS TRIP TO NORTHE
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SUMATRA WHERE HE WILL OPEN BOY SCOUT JAMBOREE ON JULY 3. ARRANGE-
MENTS ALSO BEING WORKED OUT DIRECTLY BY PRSIDENTIAL PALACE FOR
SUHARTO TO CALL UPON THAI KING.

B. IN DISCUSSION BETWEEN FONMINS OF ASEAN SUMMIT, IT WAS

AGREED THAT THERE WERE NO PARTICULAR OR URGENT MATTERS AND THAT

THE AGENDA WOULD BE LEFT TO FONMINS. OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO THE THAI IS THE VISIBLE UNITY OF ASEAN BE DEMONSTRATED FOR THEY FEEL THAT VIETNAMESE PLAN MAY BE TO PICK OFF NEIGHBORS ONE BY ONE. IN THAI EYES, THEREFORE, WHILE MAINTAINING CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH OTHER FOUR ASEAN MEMBERS, VIETNAMESE MIGHT WELL ATTEMPT DESTROY RTG. THIS WOULD THEN BE FOLLOWED BY SIMILAR MANEUVER TOWARD MALAYSIA AND SO ON IN A SORT OF DOMINO THEORY PLAY.

C. IN A REVIEW OF RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, THAI EXPLAINED THAT THOSE WITH LAOS HAVE IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY FOLLOWING ESCAP MEETING. LAO HAVE TONED DOWN THEIR ATTACKS AND HAVE BECOME MORE REASONABLE IN DISCUSSIONS. THAI AMBASSADOR TO RETURN TO VIENTIAN SHORTLY.

D. RE VIET-NAM, RELATIONS ARE PRETTY MUCH AT A STANDSTILL INASMUCH AS THAIS HAVE DECIDED THAT FUTURE PROGRESS RESTS WITH RESOLUTION OF WHAT THEY SEE AS A SPLIT WITHIN SRV LEADERSHIP. THAIS SEE LE DUC THO AS A MODERATE INFLUENCE, WHEREAS PHAM VAN DANG IS A HARD-LINER.

E. RE CAMBODIA, THAIS INFORMED INDONESIANS THAT RELATIONS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE IN VIEW OF THAT COUNTRY'S CLOSED SOCIETY WHICH RETREATING BACK TO THE STONE AGE.

F. IN REPLY TO THAI QUESTION REGARDING INDONESIAN-PRC RELATIONS, MALIK INFORMED THEM THAT THESE DEPEND UPON ELIMINATION OF ANTI-CHINESE PREJUDICE AMONGST INDONESIANS. HE DID NOT APPEAR TO ATTACH TOO MUCH SIGNIFICANCE TO RECENT GESTURE OF CHINESE PREMIER TOWARDS PKI LEADER IN PEKING.

G. THERE WAS DISCUSSION OF U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM KOREA AND EFFECT THIS WAS HAVING AND COULD HAVE IN ASIA. MALIK STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN ASSURED BY USG OFFICIALS THAT GROUND TROOP WITHDRAWAL IN NO WAY AFFECTED U.S. COMMITMENT TO SOUTH KOREAN SECURITY

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OR THAT OF JAPAN AND THAT U.S. REMAINS AN ASIAN AND PACIFIC POWER. NEVERTHELESS, BOTH MALIK AND THE THAI FONMIN AGREED THAT THERE WAS A PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT IN KOREA AND THAT WHOLE REGION AS A RESULT OF USG ANNOUNCEMENT. BOTH SIDES ALSO DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF JAPAN FILLING THE GAP OF ANY FURTHER U.S. WITHDRAWAL WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON WHETHER OR NOT JAPAN WOULD REARM. FROM THAI DCM'S COMMENTS, IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT FEAR OF POSSIBLE RENEWAL OF JAPANESE MILITARY DOMINANCE PLAYED A LARGE PART IN THIS DISCUSSION.

H. MALIK BRIEFED ON ISLAMIC CONFERENCE RECENTLY HELD IN LIBYA. MENTION WAS MADE OF APPLICATION BY A U.S.-CANADIAN STUDENT MUSLIM GROUP AND A CANADIAN MINORITY MUSLIM GROUP FOR OBSERVER STATUS. HOWEVER, MALIK STATES THIS WAS VETOED, PARTICULARLY THROUGH FEAR THAT, WHILE APPLICATION OF TWO AFORE

IONED GROUPS AIMED BY LIBYA PARTICULARLY AT U.S., THIS WOULD BE OPENING WEDGE TO GET IN MINORITY MUSLIM GROUPS FROM THAILAND, INDIA, ETC.

I. IN DISCUSSION OF CIEC, MALIK STATED THAT MAIN RESULT WAS
AGREEMENT ON A COMMON FUND.

J. IN DISCUSSION OF FUKUDA'S VISIT FOLLOWING ASEAN SUMMIT,
BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT PROBLEM WAS TO GET "MONEY OUT OF JAPAN'S
POCKET."

2. OTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTER WIDJOJO AND SOEMITRO WERE
UNEXCEPTIONABLE.

3. IN HIS BRIEFING OF CHARGE ON MILITARY MATTERS, THAI DCM READ
LARGELY FROM NOTES OF PRESS CONFERENCE HELD BY THAI FONMIN (REFTEL)
GIVING IMPRESSION THAT THESE WERE NOT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE DURING
TALKS THEMSELVES.

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